



Montpelier, Vt. Mar 27th, 1835.

William S. Brownson,

Dear Friend,

I arrived in safety at this place on the day and had the pleasure of finding my friends in good health. At Burlington I called on my old acquaintance Stacy, of moderate memory. He commenced conversation on Abolition, and we had a long talk. He manifested a most cordial hatred of our worthy friend, Bissell, and said it was owing more to the contempt which was felt for him, than opposition to the cause, that he was so cavalierly treated in Burlington. Far and feathers, he said, had been provided by the "baser sort," and he took credit to himself and comrades for preventing their application by a resort to more civil proceedings. Another gentleman, whose name I did not learn, took part in the conversation, and defended the right of Abolitionists to an impartial hearing. I inquired, whether, in their opinion, there would be any difficulty in case ^{another} ~~some~~ individual than Bissell should attempt to lecture. They said, No, and expressed the belief that the people would hear with candor. I thought I discovered in Stacy some evidence of shame for the part he took in the proceedings against our friend. There was evidently a softening down of that asperity which he manifested on the occasion referred to, and I feel sure that the explanations which I gave in regard to our principles and measures made a favorable impression on ^{his} mind. The conversation confirmed my belief, that there will be no difficulty in having a lecture there, in case we can get a place for a meeting. Pray this for thy encouragement, in case thou shouldst conclude to visit Burlington for the purpose contemplated when I was at thy house.

My Friends, Manucy & Knapp, is out of town,
so I can give thee no information ^{to} regard the colored
boy, William, and the prospect of his getting a place here.

I have begun to print the Report, and think it
will look very neat.

With much love to thyself and fam-
ily, and to the cause of the oppressed;

I am truly thy friend,

Oliver Johnson

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